

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 to 10, and add new Claims 11 to 16, as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A storage medium for storing management software for managing ~~said~~ software, wherein said management software comprising:  
comprises  
a step of restoring a management state of ~~said~~ the managed software,  
wherein the management state of the managed software comprises variable  
data, and  
wherein the value of the variable data is changed in accordance with usage  
of the managed software.

2. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 1,  
wherein the value of the variable data is changed by the management software each time  
the managed software is used.  
~~said storage medium comprises a step of storing a predetermined address for~~  
~~connection so that the restoration can be performed.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 1,  
wherein the managed software comprises plural pieces, and wherein the value of said  
variable data is changed in accordance with usage of the plural pieces of managed  
software. ~~An information processing apparatus having storage means for storing~~  
~~management software for managing software, comprising.~~

~~means for restoring a management state of said software; and~~  
~~means for connecting to a predetermined site through a network to restore~~  
~~the management state of said management software by said restoring means.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 1,  
wherein said management software further comprises:

a step of storing a predetermined connection address for use in said  
restoring step,

wherein said restoring step further comprises rewriting the variable data in  
accordance with a predetermined value of data received from a communications line or an  
external storage medium. ~~The information processing apparatus according to claim 3;~~  
~~further comprising~~

~~means for receiving information from a predetermined site and storing the~~  
~~information.~~

5. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus having  
storage means for storing management software for managing software, comprising:

means for restoring a management state of managed software; and

means for connecting to a predetermined site through a network to obtain  
information for use by the restoring means to restore the management state of the managed  
software,

wherein the management state of the managed software comprises variable  
data,

wherein the value of the variable data is changed in accordance with usage of the managed software. ~~, comprising:~~

~~means for restoring a management state of management software for managing software; and~~

~~control means for displaying a predetermined site for connecting to the predetermined site through a network to restore the management state of said management software by said restoring means.~~

21 6. (Currently Amended) An The information processing apparatus comprising:

means for storing management software for managing software;

means for restoring a management state; and

means for connecting to a predetermined site through a network to obtain information for use by the restoring means to restore the management state,

wherein the management state comprises variable data, and

wherein the value of the variable data is changed in accordance with usage of managed software. ~~according to claim 5, further comprising~~

~~selection means for restoring the management state by said means for restoring the management state.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the value of the variable data is changed each time the managed software is used. ~~A host apparatus for communicating with an information~~

processing apparatus having means for restoring a management state of management software for managing software, and means for connecting to a predetermined site to restore the management state of the management software by said restoring means, and restoring the management state of said management software, comprising  
means for transmitting information for use in restoring the management state of said management software in response to a request from said information processing apparatus.

8. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for receiving information from a predetermined site and storing the information,

wherein said restoring means rewrites the variable data based on a predetermined value of data transmitted from a communication line or an external storage medium. ~~The host apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising~~

~~means for storing information for use in restoring a management state for plural pieces of management software.~~

9. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

means for restoring a management state for managing software; and

control means for displaying a predetermined site for connecting to the predetermined site through a network to restore the management state of the management software by said restoring means,

wherein the management state comprises variable data, and

wherein the value of the variable data is changed in accordance with usage of managed software. ~~The host apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising means for storing different pieces of information for each piece of software to restore the management state for plural pieces of application software.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the value of the variable data is changed each time the managed software is used. ~~The host apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising means for displaying contents of means for storing information for restoring the management state for plural pieces of application software.~~

11. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:

selection means for restoring the management state by said means for restoring the management state.

12. (New) A host apparatus for communicating with an information processing apparatus, which has a means for restoring a management state of management software for managing software, means for connecting to a predetermined site to restore the

management state of the management software by the restoring means, and for restoring the management state of the management software, said host apparatus comprising:

means for transmitting information for use in restoring the management state of the management software in response to a request from the information processing apparatus,

wherein the management state of the management software comprises variable data, and

wherein the value of the variable data is changed in accordance with usage of the application software.

13. (New) The host apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the value of the variable data is changed each time the managed software is used.

14. (New) The host apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for storing information for use in restoring a management state for plural pieces of management software.

15. (New) The host apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for storing different pieces of information for each piece of managed software to restore the management state for plural pieces of managed software.

16. (New) The host apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising:

means for displaying contents of means for storing information for restoring the management state for plural pieces of application software.

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